

LIE PASSED IN CITY COUNCIL

Garber Denounced Maxwell, Who Was Speaking, Amid Great Confusion.

FRIENDS INTERCEDE AND AVERT TROUBLE

Ordinance Providing for Electric Light Plant Adopted After Long Fight—New Effort to Reduce Gas to 90 Cents Per Thousand.

PASSING the lie on the floor of the Council chamber last night, Councilman Garber denounced in unmeasured terms a direct and unqualified falsehood statements made to the Council by Thomas Maxwell as to an interview in regard to the complaint of Maxwell against Police Justice Crutcher. Senator-at-Arms Russell got between the two men to prevent any disturbance. Mr. Garber's friends urging him to take his seat, while President Peters announced that the five minutes accorded Maxwell to state his complaint had expired. No action was taken by the Council in regard to the complaint of Maxwell or the controversy and sharp language.

For New Lighting Plant.

President Peters, on the floor of the Council, with the aid of Mr. David Meade White, called up and after a vigorous fight secured the passage of the ordinance long pending, providing for a bond issue for a municipal electric plant for water pumping and street lighting.

Not without a severe fight was this result obtained. The measure being sprung suddenly by Mr. White during the roll call. The measure provides for the issuance of \$500,000 of 4 per cent. thirty-four year bonds for an electric plant on the site of the Old Pump House. The proposition was discussed at length by Mr. White and Mr. Richards, the latter saying that the city was now paying \$54,000 a year to the Passenger and Power Company for lights in the old territory, with lights in the annexed territory to come.

Mr. W. L. White opposed the bond issue, citing the past experience of the city with the setting basin and the Gas Works. Mr. Mills hotly denied the statement of Mr. White that the setting basin had cost \$468,000, and denied that the Water Department had exceeded the original appropriation. According to the estimates for this work, Mr. Graham Hobson wanted the Council to wait for the Trafford report on cost, when President Peters carried all before him in a clear-cut argument for the bond issue.

Says Lights Cost Too Much.

He showed that when the mains in the annexed territory were put in the consumption of water would exceed the supply by as much as 3,000,000 gallons a day, and that additional pumping facilities were urgently needed. On the electric lighting in the old city, Mr. Peters thought the city could save at least \$20,000 a year by allowing for interest and sinking fund. "There is not a public building or a school in this city lighted by electricity," he said. "We are choked by a monopoly. We are charged three times the cost. They don't want the citizens to know how cheaply electric light can be had. Why don't they let the Mutual Building find it cheaper to make its own electricity than to buy it?"

Mr. White said the Passenger and Power Company had offered to give the city its lights at cost, and Mr. Peters replied that it was only bluffing. "Well they came to see me about it," said Mr. White. "They haven't seen me," replied Mr. Peters, sharply, amid laughter in the chamber.

A motion to table the ordinance was lost by a vote of 13 to 16. Messrs. Davis, Don, Leavy, Garber, J. A. Hobson, Lynch, Mills, Crutcher, Pollock, Powers, F. D. and W. P. Richardson, Umlauf, D. W. White, Wiltshire and Peters favoring immediate action, while Messrs. Atkinson, Barber, Cutchins, Cary, Ferguson, Gates, Hobson, Huber, Miner, Pollard, Richards, Spence and W. L. White, further and further, opposed or delay. The ordinance was then passed 24 to 5, the opponents being Messrs. Cutchins, Cary, Hobson, Miner and W. L. White.

Wants Municipal Park.

On the roll call, Mr. Umlauf introduced a series of ordinances, one appropriating \$10,000 for cleaning the streets and alleys of the annexed territory, and one directing the keeping of Street Cleaning to use prisoners from the City Jail in cleaning and repairing Shockoe Creek, both going to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Umlauf also introduced ordinances permitting W. A. Antrim & Sons to erect a stable at Linden and Green Streets, and one directing the keeping of a matron at the jail and First Police Station, both of which were referred.

Mr. Cary introduced perhaps the most interesting new proposition of the evening—an ordinance providing for the purchase of the Mordant property, on the Hermitage Road, for a municipal park. The property embraces 262-2-10 acres, including Youngs Pond and the woodland adjoining, and is already admirably developed for park purposes. An option has been obtained by agents of the city for ninety days at \$35,000. The proposition went to the Grounds and Buildings Committee.

Mr. Miner Called Up the Bureaucratic Alarm Ordinance.

Mr. Lynch introduced a new ordinance providing for 90-cent gas, which went to the Light Committee; an ordinance to employ twenty-five additional laborers in the Street Cleaning Department; and a resolution directing

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ACTOR DROPPED DEAD

Explained When Alarm of Fire Was Sounded in Theatre.

CLEVELAND, O., June 1.—Eugene Cleverson, aged fifty, of New York, leading man in a vaudeville show, Keith's Theatre, dropped dead of heart disease in his dressing room this afternoon when an alarm of fire sounded.

No one was injured among the audience, as it fled out of the building while the show was continuing. The fire proceeded with their work. Firemen dragging in their hose simultaneously with the death of the actor. Apparently added no exciting influence, the ladies calmly putting on their hats and waiting for the show to begin.

The names are said to have originated in the apartment where the moving picture machine is worked. Fire broke out in the dressing room. A blaze before the smoke began to pour into the auditorium and turned in the alarm. Manager Daniels walked to the front of the stage and asked the audience to depart without confusion, but the warning was almost unnecessary. The fire was extinguished after damage amounting to \$5,000 had been done.

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FINGER PRINTS ON CLOCK

Magistrate Finds What May Help Solve Steinhilber Murder Mystery.

PARIS, June 1.—The Paris police to-night seem far from a solution of the mysterious murder of the noted painter, Adolph E. Steinhilber, and his wife's mother, Mme. Japy, which occurred in the artist's residence, in the Rue de Bagdad, in the early hours of Sunday.

Indicted for Rebating

Grand Jury Brings In Three Indictments Against Southern Pacific.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., June 1.—A Federal grand jury to-day returned a large number of indictments, including three against the Southern Pacific Company for alleged rebating in violation of the Sherman antitrust law. The indictments were returned against the Southern Pacific, citing specific instances of alleged unlawful rebating of charges to customers. Officers of the railroad company were ordered to appear in court on June 15th and make answer to the charges.

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Put Out Worthless Check

Grave Charge Against Man Formerly Prominent in Bristol.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BRISTOL, VA., June 1.—Albert N. McConnell, according to information received here, is in serious trouble at Tucson, Ariz., where it is believed he has lost his prestige as a member of the Order of Elks to get worthless checks cashed. He was formerly here as a bookkeeper at Schieren's Dixie Tannery, having come from Athens, Ga. The Elks' lodge here, where his membership was, has been officially notified of his conduct. According to the information, he showed a check there drawn on the Dixie Tannery for a large amount, and in this way succeeded in flooding Tucson with worthless checks. McConnell stood high socially here.

Bank of Cuba Looted

Robbers Escape With Big Sum After Plundering Bank.

CUBA, KAN., June 1.—Four men robbed the State Bank of Cuba to-day and escaped with between \$5,000 and \$5,000 after a fight with citizens. No one was shot. Posses are in pursuit.

Cheap Gas Ordinance Again.

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DANCING CLAUSE REMAINS AS NOW

General Conference Adjourns Without Acting on Proposed Change.

BE SUPERINTENDENTS, NOT PRESIDING ELDERS

Conference Votes to Abolish Latter Title and Adopts One Considered More Appropriate to the Office—The Assignment of Bishops.

BALTIMORE, MD., June 1.—The Methodist Episcopal General Conference, during the last day of its session, did many things, but it will doubtless be much discussed for the things it did not do.

Be Called Superintendents.

The time honored title "presiding elder" was abolished by the adoption of a minority report from the revision committee recommending that the name be changed to "district superintendents," by a vote of 322 yeas to 210 nays. This radical change of terms is the outgrowth of a desire to denote the office more correctly. It has been felt for a long while that since the presiding elder is to-day in reality a superintendent, that this term should be given him, since his office is no longer merely sacramental, but administrative.

Bishops Assigned.

The committee on the episcopacy reported favorably to the characters of all the bishops and effective missionary bishops, and the report was adopted.

Beats the World's Record

The Mauretania's Record in Seven Minutes.

NEW YORK, June 1.—The Cunard liner Mauretania broke the record over the long course from Queenstown to this port, covering the distance in four days, two hours and fifteen minutes, with an average speed of 24.86 knots, according to a wireless dispatch received by the Cunard Line Company from the steamship late to-night.

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LARGE NUMBER OF CONTESTS

Chairman New Says National Committee Will Have Strenuous Work.

CHICAGO, ILL., June 1.—According to the statements of Chairman Harry S. New, given to the Republican National Committee, that body is likely to have strenuous work ahead of it in the consideration of the contests that have been brought before it for settlement before the Republican National Convention is called to order.

Refuses to Discuss It.

NEW YORK, June 1.—Mr. Thomas F. Ryan declined to-day to discuss the report that he had committed to the Democratic National Convention in 1904. He said he was not going to the Democratic National Convention in Denver, and would not be in that city at the time of the convention.

May Restore Sight

Oculist Has Hopes of Recovering Vision for Oklahoma Senator.

[From Our Regular Correspondent.] WASHINGTON, D. C., June 1.—The country at large will watch with interest the efforts to be made this week by a well known oculist, Dr. Thomas P. Gore, of Oklahoma. For about thirty years Senator Gore has not seen the light of day, yet the oculist after several examinations of the sightless eyes, expressed a belief that it may still be possible to recover vision.

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MAY FORCE VOTE ON PROHIBITION

Anti-Saloon League Going to Roanoke to Demand Dry Plank in Platform.

REGARDED AS MOVE TO HELP JUDGE MANN

Resolution Could Have Only Moral Effect, as Legislature Alone Can Order State Election Two Years Hence. Cannon May Lead Fight.

FOLLOWING close upon the anti-liquor fights which have been successfully made in Georgia, Alabama, North Carolina and other Southern States, it is learned here on high authority that an effort will be made by the Anti-Saloon League to commit the Democratic National convention on the subject when the delegates meet at Roanoke on June 11th, and that a committee has already been appointed to appear before the committee on resolutions and ask that the convention go on record in favor of State-wide prohibition.

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TWO STUDENTS DROWNED

North Carolinians, Attending Washington Session, Lost From Boat.

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TAFT HAS STIRRED UP HORNETS' NEST

His Criticism of Gen. Grant as Drinking Man Brings Storm of Protests.

WHO IS PAYING BIG CAMPAIGN EXPENSES?

Secretary of War Wishes to Come Out Strong for Roosevelt Policies—Is for Tariff Revision and Amending Antitrust Laws—Party Leaders Hold Conferences.

Times-Dispatch Bureau. Washington, D. C., June 1. THE Secretary of War in New York Saturday, in the course of a speech before the American Whiskey Association, was being added to the general comment in Washington. That General Grant did drink too much, at least while in the army, is a fact generally known; but so far as known, Secretary Taft is the first man to discuss General Grant's weakness in public tribute to the memory of the great soldier.

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